

NSC BRIEFING

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C. Yemeni acting foreign minister al Amri, moderate member Imam's entourage, has told American Consul from Aden that revolt likely in near future. He added that growing disrepute of Imamate and previous inaction of pro-Hasan "patrician" forces had stimulated emergence growing "pleb<sup>e</sup>ian" movement advocating establishment republic. Patrician movement also anti-Egyptian. Egypt has long provided asylum Yemeni antimonarchial exiles, and could support coup which would fragment country.

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II. Imam's growing fear of growing Soviet influence in Yemen has apparently resulted in his holding back on final approval Soviet offer wheat to relieve famine. USSR made offer after they learned of American offer.

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